



TOWN OF TRURO RECYCLING COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666

Minutes, Monthly Meeting Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, 2:00 PM

Present: Brotman, Morrison, and Holt; Scherer was absent, Bingham (alt.) away for the winter.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved and signed.

The chair reported that the committee's somewhat expanded budget for FY08 had been submitted on time. He also reported briefly on the meeting called by Edith DeMello of DEP on expanding paper recycling. A program of coordinated press releases on the need and methods for achieving that goal is planned for the spring.

Discussion of Bob's list of "110 Ways You can Combat Climate Change" focused on its perhaps formidable length and the possible need for more abbreviated forms. When he said that Brian Davis had just given his permission for a public showing in the school's gym of "An Inconvenient Truth" (via DVD), to be followed by classroom use of it with teacher-led discussions, there were several suggestions about other venues for smaller groups. Sarah suggested that there could be a showing at the COA (publicized in advance by the Truro Log) and another as part of a series of monthly Wednesday mornings at the library; she will speak to Anne Brock about the latter. If a suitable instructor could be found for a future adult-education course on Global Warming and Its Prevention, the DVD and similar materials could be used as well as "110 Ways...", a child's version of which should be produced for the above-mentioned classroom use.

Bob reported on the positive reception of exhibits of environmental groups' literature on their work and need for volunteers, including a page on the Truro Recycling and Energy Committees, at the previous day's Cape celebration of Gov. Patrick's inauguration. All 600+ persons attending were urged to sign up to volunteer to work on an issue of their choice; the list will be fed back to local groups, including the two Truro committees, so we may get names of some local people we can call on. The Energy committee is beginning to plan an Energy Fair (which might be broadened to become a Sustainability Fair) this spring, perhaps during Earth Day week in April, which would be an opportunity for various displays or interactive exhibits concerning recycling. It could also be a good time for the contests Sally had suggested earlier: a Tippy Scherer Most Original Kind of Recycling award, and another for the best work of art using recycled materials exclusively. One Truro citizen has already volunteered to work on it.

The draft Annual Report was discussed and helpfully amended.

Next meeting: Feb. 5 (the first Monday), 2PM, in the basement meeting room, Town Hall. Morrison reported that she will be out of town for that and the March meeting.